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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MEMORANDUM

With reference to the conference which I had with the Secretary of State at his apartment on Saturday, October 24, 1942, in addition to discussing the story concerning the misconduct of Mr. Welles, the Secretary commented upon the highly improper public addresses which Mr. Welles has frequently made, and which the Secretary characterized as "headline hunting." The Secretary stated he had been particularly disturbed over the recent address of Mr. Welles concerning the Chilean situation. He stated that this matter had been entirely and grossly mishandled. He stated that he, the Secretary, was not consulted by Mr. Welles before he made the statement and that the matter should not have been handled in the way it was. The Secretary indicated that the procedure should have been to call together three or four of the Ambassadors of the South American countries, together with the Chilean Ambassador, and outline to the Chilean Ambassador the fact available, and put it up to the Chilean Government to correct the same without public denunciation. The Secretary stated he felt very deeply that nothing could be obtained through a "jolly" procedure, and he commented that a child might be kicked and knocked down and come up bleeding and be tractable for the time being, but the child would never forget the treatment and he believed Chile would not forget the manner in which it had been publicly criticized and condemned by Mr. Welles.

The Secretary also discussed various interferences in international affairs by outside parties, commenting particularly upon the trip of Mr. Wendell Willkie, and also the interference from time to time of Mrs. Roosevelt.

I informed the Secretary of State of the confidential investigation which we were initiating at the request of the War Department of General Faymonville, Lend-Lease Administrator at Moscow. The Secretary of State indicated he was somewhat familiar with Faymonville's background but had not heard of the immoral activities of this man. This led to a discussion of the prevalences of degeneracy in the American Embassy at Moscow and I related to the Secretary the result of our investigation about a year ago when we sent an Agent to be attached to the Embassy at Moscow, and the substance of his reports thereon. The Secretary stated he had never heard of this, and was shocked that such a condition existed, and he had not been advised of it. He inquired as to who requested the investigation and to whom the report was made. I told him the investigation had been requested by Assistant Secretary of State Long and the report had been made to Mr. Long. He indicated that he would inquire of Mr. Long about this matter as he was very much concerned because the President had on several occasions referred to certain practices in the State Department corps and he had somewhat discounted the prevalency of such tendency, but in view of the conditions existing in the American Embassy at Moscow, he is now greatly concerned about them.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
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On October 24, 1942, at the request of the Secretary of State, I called at the Wardman-Park apartment of Mr. Hull.

Mr. Hull stated that Mrs. Hull had heard from the wives of several Senators various stories concerning the improper actions of the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, which gave Mr. Hull a great deal of concern. Mr. Hull stated that he understood I had made an investigation into these matters about a year ago, and he inquired as to whether I could make available to him the report upon the same so that he might be able to evaluate the evidence as the rumors and stories were becoming more wide-spread concerning Mr. Welles. I told the Secretary that I had made such an investigation as he referred to, at the request of General Watson, Secretary to the President, and that I had had the various persons reported to have knowledge of Mr. Welles' activities interviewed, and a report prepared of these interviews, which I transmitted to Mr. McIntyre, one of the other Secretaries of the President. I told Mr. Hull that I did not have a copy of the report available. I suggested to the Secretary of State that he contact Mr. McIntyre to obtain access to the report which I had prepared and delivered to Mr. McIntyre about a year ago.

Mr. Hull discussed at some length the stories which are in circulation concerning Mr. Welles, and I stated to Mr. Hull that practically all of the persons interviewed by the FBI had stated in substance the same story concerning Mr. Welles' misconduct. I pointed out to the Secretary of State, however, that the only waiter to whom Mr. Welles made a direct and specific improper proposition had died about two weeks before the FBI was asked to make the investigation, so that consequently, there was no affidavit of a person who was directly propositioned by Mr. Welles along the lines indicated. I pointed out, however, that all of the other persons with whom this waiter had worked substantially told the same story as to what this waiter had said about the incident concerning Mr. Welles, and that practically all of these persons had been indirectly approached by Mr. Welles, but not as specifically as the waiter who had died, and could not therefore be interviewed by the FBI. Mr. Hull indicated that he would contact Mr. McIntyre, or possibly the President, as he believed that the situation was of a character that there might eventually be some publicity of considerable embarrassment unless some steps were promptly taken.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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